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ABSTRACT

This book is a hands-on guide to the philosophy and practice of young adult services in the public libraries. The following chapters are included: (1) "Young Adult Services Philosophy," including reasons to serve teens, why teens are the way they are, who serves young adults, and how to interact with teens; (2) "Youth Participation," including surveys, focus groups, junior friends groups, and teen advisory boards; (3) "Planning for Young Adult Services," including creating a young adult services plan, young adult goals and objectives, action plan, and evaluation; (4) "Creating a Young Adult Space," including location, layout, furniture, technology, and decor; (5) "The Young Adult Collection," including fiction, nonfiction, magazines, comic books and graphic novels, computers, audiovisual materials, and collection development; (6) "Serving Young Adults," including marketing and publicity, reader's advisory, reference and homework support, programming, and outreach; (7) "Rights and Responsibilities," including intellectual freedom and troubleshooting; and (8) "Continuing Education for Improved Service," including staff training, local involvement, state and regional involvement, national involvement, and advocacy. Appendices include policy, programming, and planning materials. (Includes an index.) (MES)

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